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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Erik Leonard Hoffman) Examiner: David C. Comstock
Serial No.: 10/037,318) Art Unit: 3732
Filed: November 7, 2001)
For: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN IMPLANT,)
IN PARTICULAR A HIP PROSTHESIS)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to Examiner's final Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, be extended for three months to and including August 24, 2005.

Please apply the instant fee, in the amount of \$510.00, and any other charges or any credits to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 24, 2005

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